

RESOLUTIONS

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF INDIANA,

RELATIVE

*To the Buffalo and Mississippi railroad.*

MARCH 3, 1846.

Referred to the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, and ordered to be printed.

A JOINT RESOLUTION in relation to the Buffalo and Mississippi railroad.

Whereas the construction of a railroad from the western bend of lake Erie or Toledo, across the peninsula through the northern tier of counties in Indiana, to the southern bend of lake Michigan, thence around said lake to the city of Chicago, would be a great national work, affording advantages seldom if ever realized from a corresponding expenditure of money, forming as it would a most important link in the increasing intercommunication between the extended and fertile valley of the Mississippi, the immense agricultural and commercial interest of the western lakes with the eastern cities: and whereas the completion of said railroad would afford the general government many facilities in time of war with Great Britain (which even now seems not improbable,) for the transportation of arms, munitions of war, troops, and everything necessary for their comfort and convenience, together with speedy and expeditious despatches, so essential to the safety and effective prosecution of the object of organized armies, in a free and independent government like ours: and whereas the communication between the upper valley of the Mississippi and the commerce of lake Michigan is entirely suspended during a considerable portion of the year, in consequence of the straits of Mackinaw being closed with ice: and whereas the General Assembly [Congress] of the United States has on former occasions extended a liberal policy, by aiding in the prosecution of internal improvements that are national in their character, by repeated donations of the public domain, contributing thereby the means, when properly expended, of advancing the interest of every individual of this vast, growing, and happy republic: Therefore,

SECTION 1. *Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,* That our Senators be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to use all reasonable exertions to procure a donation of a moiety of all the lands owned by the general government situated in the Fort Wayne and Winemac land office districts, in the said State of Indiana, to aid in the construction of the said Buffalo and Mississippi railroad.

SEC. 2. *And be it further resolved*, That his excellency the governor be directed to transmit a copy of this joint resolution to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

JOHN S. SIMONSON,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

J. G. READ,

*President of the Senate.*

Approved January 19, 1846.

JAS. WHITCOMB.

STATE OF INDIANA, *to wit* :

I, John H. Thompson, secretary of state for the said State of Indiana, certify that the above is a full and correct copy of the enrolled joint resolution now on file in my office.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal

[L. S.] of State, at Indianapolis, this 22d day of January, A. D. 1846.

JNO. H. THOMPSON, *Secretary of State.*